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SUBJ: USG SURVEY OF SAG MINISTRY OF INTERIOR

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1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED \$385,000 FOR SURVEY. TEAM DESIRED TO BEGIN WORK ON FEBRUARY 15. DEP MIN REQUESTS ELIMINATION SPECIALIST ON BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT, INCLUSION OF COAST GUARD AND FRONTIER FORCES EXPERTISE. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY TODAY RECEIVED CHECK FOR \$385,000 FOR SURVEY COSTS, WITH LETTER FROM DEP MIN INT PRINCE NAIF REQUESTING THAT TEAM BEGIN WORK FEBRUARY 15. LETTER REQUESTS CERTAIN SMALL CHANGES IN COMPOSITION OF SURVEY TEAM:

A. ELIMINATION OF TEAM MEMBER SPECIALIZING IN BUDGET AND FISCAL MANAGEMENT (MR. YOUNG). ("THERE IS NO NEED," SAYS THE NAIF LETTER.)

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B. ELIMINATION OF TEAM MEMBER SPECIALIZING IN PERSONNEL

ADMINISTRATION. LETTER ELSEWHERE STATES, HOWEVER, THAT TEAM SHOULD INCLUDE A SPECIALIST IN "ORGANIZATION AND TRAINING." SINCE BOTH TRAINING AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION WERE TO BE COVERED BY MR. WBEARDSLEY, WE LEAVE TO WASHINGTON TO DECIDE WHETHER HE SHOULD REMAIN IN TEAM OR WHETHER OTHER TRAINING SPECIALIST SHOULD BE SM GHT. (NAIF HAS ELIMINATED NO ONE BY NAME--ONLY BY SPECIALTY.) WE BELIEVE MAIN NEED IS FOR SOMEONE EXPERIENCED IN DEVELOPING AND ADMINISTERING TRAINING PROGRAMS WHO IS ALSO FULLY FAMILIAR WITH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES OF TRAINING IN U.S., SINCE MINISTRY MAY NEED ADVICE IN SETTING UP ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS TO HANDLE STUDENTS WHOM MINISTRY WISHES TO SEND TO U.S. OR ELSEWHERE.

C. INCLUSION OF TEAM MEMBERS QUALIFIED TO SURVEY "BOTH LAND AND SEA" ASPECTS OF COAST GUARD/FRONTIER FORCES.

3. EMBASSY COMMENTS:

A. BELIEVE WE SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO INCLUDE EXPERT FROM U.S. BORDER PATROL IN TEAM IN ORDER BE RESPONSIVE TO REQUEST FOR ATTENTION TO FRONTIER FORCES.

B. WE ARE UNSURE OF UTILITY OF ASKING COAST GUARD TO SEND OUT ONE MAN AS MEMBER OF TEAM FOR INITIAL OVERVIEW, AND ARE INCLINED TO FAVOR SPECIAL TEAM FOR THIS EFFORT, WITH SEPARATE FUNDING. IF U.S. COAST GUARD IS WILLING IN PRINCIPLE TO UNDERTAKE SURVEY OF SAG COAST GUARD AND FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE WORTHWHILE TO SEND OUT ONE OR TWO MEN FOR SHORT PERIOD TO SIZE UP OVERALL TASK WE WOULD BE IN FAVOR SO LONG AS THE EXPENSE COULD BE ACCOMMODATED WITHIN PRESENT \$385,000. STILL BELIEVE CONSULTATION WITH AID/OPS ADVISER CAMPBELL WOULD PROVIDE QUICKEST ASSESSMENT OF SIZE OF THIS TASK, AS SGGUESTED REF B. DO BELIEVE OVERALL SURVEY OF SAG COAST GUARD IS DEFINITELY IN OUR INTERESTS.

C. REQUIRE NAME AND BIO SUMMARY OF TEAM MEMBER FOR SPECIAL SECURITY FORCE.

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D. TO SIMPLIFY LOGISTICS AND DEMANDS ON SMALL AID/OPS OFFICE, PREFER THAT TEAM ARRIVE IN RIYADH AS A GOURP IF POSSIBLE. ARRIVAL OF TEAM CHIEF ONE DAY IN ADVANCE WOULD BE USEFUL. AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY OFFICERS WOULD MEET WITH TEAM ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 IN RIYADH. THURSDAY-FIRDAY WEEKEND WOULD ALLOW OPPORTUNITY FOR LOCAL ORIENTATION AND ADJUSTMENT TO TIME ZONE CHANGE PRIOR TO BEGINNING WORK WITH ROUND OF INTRODUCTIONS TO COUNTER-

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